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### Foreign-trained Eligibility Requirements

The requirements can be broken down into two sets:

### I. Students must take a minimum of 24 credits

Students must take a minimum of 24 credits in "classroom courses at the law school in substantive and procedural law and professional skills." These 24 credits may include clinical courses and up to 6 credits in certain other courses related to legal training taught at the Stern school or other parts of NYU (520.6(b)(3)(vii)(b)).

Many LLM students will take more than 24 credits worth of courses that count toward this requirement. To earn the NYU LLM degree, you must carry a load of 24 credits during the fall and spring semesters. In addition, most foreign-trained LLMs are required to take *Introduction to US Law* (2 credits) and *Introduction to US Legal Practice\** (1 credit) during the summer (in August).

These 3 credits will count toward the 24 credits required by the NY Board of Law Examiners but not towards NYU's 24 credit requirement. It is, however, important to be aware that certain credits that count towards NYU's 24 credits worth of fall and spring courses will not count for purposes of bar eligibility. For instance, credits earned for Directed Research and for courses in other parts of NYU in excess of the maximums set out above will not count for the purposes of bar eligibility.

\*Formerly entitled Legal Research, Writing and Analysis I

### II. Program of Study

The program of study must include a specified minimum numbers of credits for classes in the following areas. For a detailed description of the requirement, refer to (520.6(b)(3)(d)).

A: history, goals, instruction, value, rules and responsibilities of U.S. legal profession (2 credits)

B: legal research, writing and analysis (2 credits)

C: American legal studies (2 credits)

D: subjects tested on the New York State bar examination (6 credits)

NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT USE THE SAME CREDITS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF MORE THAN ONE AREA (A, B, C AND D).

To guide you in developing a program of study for the LLM year that satisfies these eligibility requirements, below is a chart that shows which Law School classes have been approved by the New York Court of Appeals to meet the requirements in each area. Many, but not all, of these classes will be offered in a particular academic year. If you take *Introduction to US Law* (2 credits) and *Introduction to US Legal Practice* (1 credit) in the summer you will complete the Group C requirement and one credit of the Group B requirement prior to the start of the fall term.

## Group A: history, goals, instruction, value, rules and responsibilities of US legal profession (2 credit)

- LW.12211 Ethics in Government: Investigation and Enforcement
- LW.11479 Lawyers and Leaders: Professional Responsibility in Government
- LW.11479 Professional Responsibility and the Regulation of Lawyers (multiple sections of the class offered)
- LW.11479 Professional Responsibility and the Law Governing Lawyers
- LW.12694 Professional Responsibility: Comparing Law and Medicine
- LW.12268 Professional Responsibility for Government Lawyers
- LW.10309 Professional Responsibility in Civil Litigation
- $\bullet~$  LW.12346 Professional Responsibility in the Corporate Context
- LW.10200 Professional Responsibility in Criminal Practice Seminar
- LW.10200 Professional Responsibility in the Criminal Context Seminar
- LW.11479 Professional Responsibility: The Real World of Ethical Corporate Lawyering
- LW.12397 Role of the Lawyer in Public Life
- LW.12078 The Good Lawyer: Philosophical Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility

# Group B: legal research, writing and analysis (2 credits) Currently Offered:

- LW.12129 Introduction to US Legal Practice (summer) (1 credit)
- LW.12373 Graduate Lawyering I (1 credit)
- LW.12375 Graduate Lawyering I: Intensive (2 credits)
- LW.12376 Graduate Lawyering II: Drafting (1 credit) (only for students who have already taken Graduate Lawyering I)
- LW.12789 Graduate Lawyering II: Advocacy (1 credit) (only for students who have already taken Graduate Lawyering I)

#### No longer Offered (or the name of the class has been modified):

- LW.12129 US Legal Research, Writing and Analysis I (summer)(1 credit)
- LW.12130 US Legal Research, Writing and Analysis II (1 or 2 credits)
- LW.10512 US Legal Methodology (3 credits)
- LW.12373 Graduate Lawyering I: Foundations (1 credit)
- LW.12374 Graduate Lawyering I: Experienced Practitioners (1 credit)

#### Group C: American Legal Studies (2 credits)\*

- LW.11449 Introduction to US Law (summer)
- LW.10925 Administrative and Regulatory State
- LW.11633 Legislation and the Regulatory State
- LW.10514 Introduction to US Civil Procedure (for LLM students)
- LW.11702 Constitutional Law
- LW.11722 Federal Courts and the Federal System
- LW.11869 State Courts and Appellate Advocacy Seminar

## Group D: subjects tested on the New York State bar examination (6 credits)

<sup>\*</sup>Credits earned in these classes in excess of the two needed to satisfy the C requirement, may be applied to the D requirement if the class is also listed under Group D.

- \* Please note that sometimes course numbers and titles change from year to year: only classes with titles AND course numbers identical to those below have been approved by the NY Ct. of Appeals to count toward eligibility requirements.
  - LW.11918 Business Torts: Defamation, Privacy, Products and Economic Harms
  - LW.11323 Child, Parent & State
  - LW.11136 Civil Litigation
  - LW.10965 Commercial Law
  - LW.11972 Commercial Sales Law: Domestic and International
  - LW.10058 Complex Litigation
  - LW.10701 Conflict of Laws
  - LW.11702 Constitutional Law
  - LW.10345 Contract Theory Seminar
  - LW.11171 Contracts (For LLM students)
  - LW.10344 Corporations
  - LW.10644 Corporations
  - LW.11887 Criminal Litigation
  - LW.10675 Criminal Procedure: Arraignment to Postconviction Simulation
  - LW.10104 Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
  - LW.10395 Criminal Procedure: Fourth and Fifth Amendments
  - LW.10104 Criminal Procedure: The Adjudicatory Part From First Appearance to Post Conviction
  - LW.10436 Criminal Procedure Survey
  - LW.12134 Equal Protection and Substantive Due Process
  - LW.11607 Evidence
  - LW.11563 Evidence and Professional Responsibility
  - LW.10729 Family Law
  - LW.10917 Federal Courts and the Appellate Process
  - LW.11722 Federal Courts and the Federal System

- LW.12416 First Amendment Law
- LW.10755 First Amendment Rights of Expression and Association
- LW.11824 First Amendment Seminar
- LW.10668 Free Speech
- LW.11019 Information Privacy Law
- LW.10514 Introduction to US Civil Procedure (for LLM Students)
- LW.11449 Introduction to US Law
- LW.11633 Legislation and the Regulatory State
- LW.12072 Mass Communications and Free Speech Seminar
- LW.11783 Property\*
- LW.11279 Real Estate Transactions
- LW.11941 Religion and the Constitution
- LW.12135 Religion and the First Amendment
- LW.10113 Remedies
- LW.10118 Secured Transactions
- LW.11269 Separation of Powers
- LW.11869 State Courts and Appellate Advocacy Seminar
- LW.12135 The First Amendment's Religion Clauses
- LW.11349 Tort Theory Seminar
- LW.11918 Torts II: Defamation, Privacy and Business Torts
- LW.10474 Trusts & Estates

\*Please note: Property: LW.11783 qualifies under 520.6(b)(3)(vi)(d) only when the description for the class posted on the Law School web site reads as follows: A study of the institution of property: property interests in land and in wealth other than land; formation of interests in land; the estate concept; possessory and non-possessory interests; concurrent interests; the landlord-tenant relation; the allocation and development of land resources by private arrangement and through community planning devices such as zoning and eminent domain.

Foreign-trained lawyers who intend to pursue the LLM in Taxation or the LLM in International Taxation should contact John Stephens at Stephens@exchange.law.nyu.edu (https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=Stephens@exchange.law.nyu.edu) with any questions about qualifying to sit for the NY Bar exam.

Students in all other master's programs should contact law.graduateaffairs@nyu.edu (https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=law.graduateaffairs@nyu.edu) with any questions.

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